Production of Tobacco

932. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tobacco produced in various States during the last year;

(b) the quantity of tobacco exported to foreign countries during the above period;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned thereby; and

(d) the names of the countries to which tobacco was exported during 1985?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) A statement showing quantity of Tobacco produced in major Tobacco producing states during 1984-85 is enclosed. (*See below*)

(b) and (c) According to provisional data available, 74,745 Tonnes of Tobacco valued at Rs. 157.87 crores was exported during 1984-85.

(d) The major countries to which Tobacco was exported during 1985 are USSR. U. K.. France, GDR, Saudi Arabia, Algeria.

Statement

Name of State	Quantity ('000 Tonnes)
1. Andhra Pradesh	171·7
2. Bihar	13·4
3. Gujarat	173·5
4. Karnatak	30·5
5. Tamil Nadu	16·7
6. Uttar Pradesh	26·5
7. West Bengal	16·5
ALL INDIA	472·8

Common market for South East Asian countries

933. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a common market for the countries of South East Asia, on the lines of the European Common Market; and

(b) if so, whether any negotiations have been made with the countries concerned and if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of Tea

934. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of tea alongwith the value in foreign exchange, exported during 1985 as against the target and how its export compares with that of 1984.

(b) to what extent Indian share of tea export was reduced during the last three years as a result of competitions from China, Sri Lanka, Kenya and Indonesia;